

SHAMEFUL DELAY OF IMPORTANT MAIL.

While Postoffice Inspector Sharpe is cavorting around the country, as is now charged, trying to secure evidence against employees of the R. P. O. service who are supposed to be supplying The Tribune with data proving the mismanagement of the Salt Lake postoffice, he is respectfully asked to report on this case:

On Saturday, March 17, train No. 8, which is known as the Butte and Portland Express, and which is due to arrive here at 5:30 a. m., was delayed until 2:30 p. m. This train carried several tons of mail for the Salt Lake postoffice and district. This mail laid at the station one hour and five minutes before it was sent for by the Salt Lake postoffice, although the postoffice was promptly notified of the mail's arrival.

Postoffice Inspector Sharpe will not report on such things as this, because it would reflect upon his friend, the Salt Lake postmaster.

While he is directed to this he might, at the same time, investigate and report on the fact that mail from train No. 10, due to arrive here at 7:35 p. m., and which did not arrive until 10 p. m., remained at the station from 10 o'clock p. m. Saturday, March 17 until about 1 o'clock Sunday morning, although the Salt Lake postoffice was notified of its arrival.

On the same date the Preston train, which is known as No. 12, and which is due to arrive at 11:45 a. m., was thirty minutes late. This mail laid at the station after the arrival of the train twenty-five minutes.

Last Sunday the mail arriving over the San Pedro from Lynn Junction laid at the station over an hour after the train came in, although the Salt Lake postoffice was notified of this fact.

These things have been going on for a long time. Postmaster Thomas knows about it and his explanation is that the Government does not appropriate a sufficient sum for messenger service here to properly handle mails passing to and from the several railway stations in the Salt Lake postoffice.

Postmaster Thomas and Inspector Sharpe never seem sufficiently interested in the public to have these faults corrected.

Postmaster Thomas could call a messenger to meet this emergency, and it would only cost a few dollars to do so, but there is no one who ever heard of Postmaster Thomas separating himself from any money to accommodate the public. As has been said before, he shifts the responsibilities of his own incompetency as an organizer of the postoffice of Salt Lake on an underpaid messenger, who himself is doing everything in his power to carry out a contract he foolishly entered into some time ago.

Seeing that Postmaster Thomas refuses to run the risk of having to pay a few dollars for emergency messengers, The Tribune makes this proposal to him:

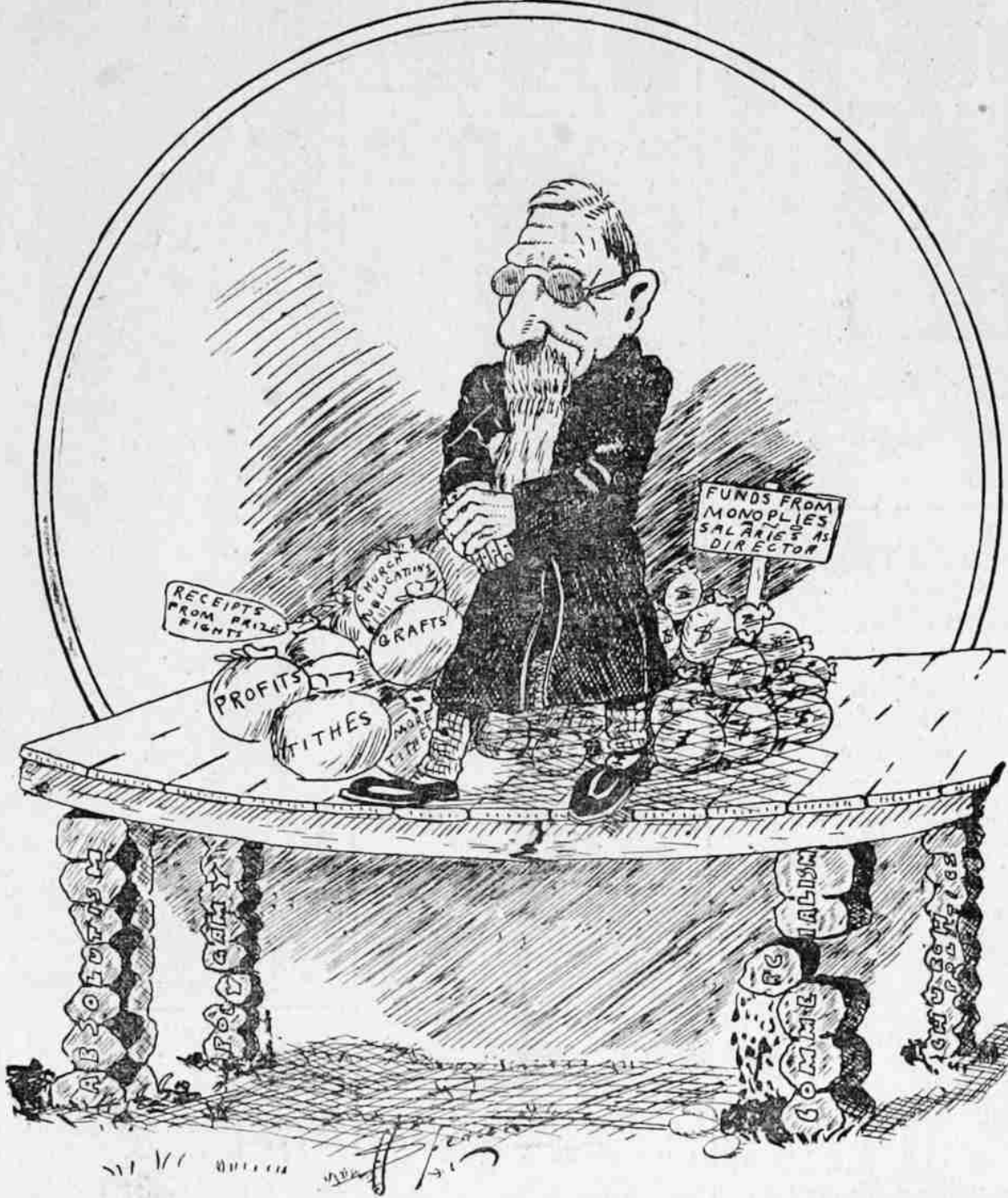
When a special messenger is required to convey mail to, or from the Salt Lake postoffice and the railway station in order to properly dispatch or receive the local mails, if Postmaster Thomas will send the expense bill to The Salt Lake Tribune it will be promptly paid. Not only is The Tribune willing to do this because it is personally interested in the prompt receipt and dispatch of mails, but it will cheerfully pay for special service when the regular messenger defaults.

Now, Postmaster Thomas, it is up to you to give the people deserved service in this respect. There is no excuse for permitting tons and tons of mail to remain in the postoffice at Salt Lake or at the several railway stations for want of ample messenger service. If your regular messenger, Postmaster Thomas, is not at call, send for and swear in a special and send the bill to The Tribune, and do not permit such outrageous evidences of neglect and indifference again to occur as are cited herewith.

Indians Elude Pursuers.

VINITA, I. H. March 19.—A courier arrived here today from Marshal Darrough's camp in the Spavinaw country and says that no trace of the Wickliffe Indian outlaws had been found. It is not believed that the outlaws will attempt to leave the Spavinaw country. It affords many places of concealment, and the Indians doubtless can remain hidden there for a long time, and this will make it more difficult for the posse to follow the trail.

THE GREAT TITHE-COLLECTOR



But His Platform is Wobbly, and May Break Down Under Him

JUDGE BEATTY HEARS ARGUMENTS

Writ of Habeas Corpus for Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone Argued.

DEFENSE MAINTAINS STATE COURT HAS NO JURISDICTION

Federal Jury at Boise Takes the Matter Under Advisement.

TURKS SEEKING TROUBLE

Kurds Pillage and Burn American School and Orphanage.

POSTON, March 19.—A complaint from the officials of the American school at Van, Eastern Turkey, against the treatment by the Turkish officials and the Kurds, has been received by the American Board of Commissioners for foreign missions. The school officials state that notwithstanding the ostensible friendship of a Governor-General, the school has been plundered and burned by the Kurds in the presence of Turkish officials and soldiers.

Fruit trees have been cut down and breadstuffs purchased by American missionaries for the American orphanage have been held by the Turkish Government for more than four months. By the withholding of the breadstuffs and the intimidation and imprisonment of the men, it is reported that the cost has been increased at least 25 per cent. A herd of live stock belonging to the orphanage, valued at \$150 and upon which the children were depending, has been driven off by the Kurds.

Cable Service Suspended.

CARACAS, Venezuela, March 19.—Carlo Pichango Serra, formerly Italian Consul at San Francisco and now Minister to Venezuela, was officially received by President Castro today. The Government has suspended cable service from Venezuela by way of Trinidad, it being alleged that there are no cables, and messages must be sent by boat either to Curacao or Trinidad and forwarded thence.

MINERS TO CONFER WITH OPERATORS

Mitchell and Associates Will Meet the Employers as Roosevelt Suggested.

THREE STARS FOR GENERAL M'ARTHUR

He and Corbin Will Both Reach Rank of Lieutenant-General.

HIGHEST GRADE IN ARMY WILL THEN BE ABOLISHED

United States Foreign Consuls Will Soon Receive Additional Compensation.

OPERATOR LIVELY VANISHES

Young Man Responsible for D. & R. G. Disaster Is Missing.

CLEVELAND 69 YEARS OLD.

Former President Spends His Birthday on Fishing Trip.

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SCORE OF MINERS PERISH IN COLORADO BLIZZARDS

WOMEN AND CHILDREN NEARING STARVATION

Hundreds of Lives Imperiled by Avalanches; Property Worth a Million Destroyed.

12 KNOWN DEAD IN BIG SNOWSLIDE

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The mine employed about seventy-five men and is one of the largest in the San Juan country. The thermometer fell to 20 below zero last night and today dawned clear, with the mercury rising.

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On Sunday another slide came down on the Green Mountain property and swept away the boarding-house. The men had all come down.

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